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The invention relates to a distributed electronic system having at least one device G1 able to be perceived (2) and at least one device G2 capable of perception (3), which latter has an acoustic output. To enable devices of a type being looked for by a user to be more easily perceived, G1 (2) and G2 (3) co-operate with one another by automatic intercommunication in such a way that the user learns at any time by means of audible signals which types of device are located in the area surrounding him. In an embodiment, G2 comprises a perception profile storing desired devicetypes for comparison in a Bluetooth service discovery process. G2 can be part of a headphone or hearing aid, and the audio sequences can be edited by an application linked to G2 via the ad-hoc interface.